

## Whistleblower Disclosures

Whistleblower protection applies to disclosures that a Government employee makes about:



- Violations of laws, rules or regulations;
- Gross mismanagement;
- Gross waste of funds;
- Abuse of authority; or
- Substantial and specific danger to public health and safety.

The Whistleblower Protection Act of 1989 provides the right for every employee to make Whistleblower disclosures and ensures protection from reprisal. The protection of Federal employee whistleblowers falls within the province of the Office of Special Counsel (OSC), an independent agency. The following link to the pamphlet, *The Role of the U.S. Office of Special Counsel*, at <http://www.osc.gov/documents/pubs/oscrole.pdf> contains valuable information, as well as telephone numbers for reporting purposes. You are encouraged to carefully read this pamphlet and familiarize yourselves with its content.

Federal employees have the right to be free from prohibited personnel practices, including retaliation for whistleblowing. For further information, please access the OSC's website at <http://www.osc.gov/>. In addition to the OSC, NASA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) is also mandated to root out fraud, waste and abuse. The OIG investigates matters that are most important in protecting taxpayers' investments, while ensuring that those who raise the issues are protected from reprisal. For more information about the OIG, please visit: <http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/oig/hq/hotline.html>.

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